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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 6494
Representative Jeannette H. Schmidt;)
Schmidt for Congress Committee and)
Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity)
as treasurer; Phillip Greenburg,)
individually; Peter Schmidt; Joseph)
Braun; Turkish Coalition of America,)
Inc.; G. Lincoln McCurdy; Turkish)
American Legal Defense Fund; Bruce)
Fein; David Saltzman; Donald C. Brey;)
Sarah D. Morrison; Elizabeth J. Watters)

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley E. Garr, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on January 13, 2015, the Commission took the following actions/
in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
 - a. Find reason to believe that the Turkish Coalition of America, Inc. and the Turkish American Legal Defense Fund and Lincoln McCurdy, as president of the Turkish Coalition of America, Inc., violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
 - b. Find no reason to believe that Bruce Fein, David Saltzman, Donald Brey, Sarah D. Morrison or that Elizabeth J. Watters violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
 - c. Find reason to believe that Jeannette H. Schmidt knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).

- d. Find reason to believe that Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- e. Find reason to believe that Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- f. Find no reason to believe that Jeannette H. Schmidt, Schmidt for Congress Committee, and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 439a(b)).
- g. Find no reason to believe that Phillip Greenburg in his personal capacity violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- h. Find no reason to believe Peter Schmidt violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- i. Find no reason to believe that Joseph Braun violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- j. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014.
- k. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Turkish Coalition of America and G. Lincoln McCurdy, as president of the Turkish Coalition of America, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014.
- l. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Jeanette H. Schmidt and Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014.
- m. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:

- a. Find reason to believe that the Turkish Coalition of America, Inc. and the Turkish American Legal Defense Fund and Lincoln McCurdy, as president of the Turkish Coalition of America, Inc., violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- b. Find no reason to believe that Bruce Fein, David Saltzman, Donald Brey, Sarah D. Morrison or that Elizabeth J. Watters violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- c. Find no reason to believe that Jeannette H. Schmidt, Schmidt for Congress Committee, and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 439a(b)).
- d. Find no reason to believe that Phillip Greenburg in his personal capacity violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- e. Find no reason to believe Peter Schmidt violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- f. Find no reason to believe that Joseph Braun violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- g. Find reason to believe that Jeannette Schmidt, Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- h. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014 and as circulated by the Chair's office on 1/12/15 and include Jeannette Schmidt in the discussion of the violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- i. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Turkish Coalition of America prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014 and as circulated by Commissioner Petersen's office on 1/12/15

- j. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Jeanette Schmidt, Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014 and as circulated by the Chair's office on 1/12/15

- k. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

3. Decided by a vote of 5-1 to:

- a. Find reason to believe that the Turkish Coalition of America, Inc. and Lincoln McCurdy, as president of the Turkish Coalition of America, Inc., violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- b. Find no reason to believe that Bruce Fein, David Saltzman, Donald Brey, Sarah D. Morrison or that Elizabeth J. Watters violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- c. Find reason to believe that Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)).
- d. Find reason to believe that Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- e. Find no reason to believe that Jeannette H. Schmidt, Schmidt for Congress Committee, and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 439a(b)).
- f. Find no reason to believe that Phillip Greenburg in his personal capacity violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- g. Find no reason to believe Peter Schmidt violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).

- h. Find no reason to believe that Joseph Braun violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)).
- i. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Brey, Morrison, and Watters, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014.
- j. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014 and as circulated by the Chair's office on 1/12/15.
- k. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Turkish Coalition of America prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014 and as circulated by Commissioner Petersen's office on 1/12/15
- l. Enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with Schmidt for Congress Committee and Phillip Greenburg in his official capacity as treasurer, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated July 31, 2014 and as circulated by the Chair's office on 1/12/15
- m. Approve the appropriate letters.
- n. Authorize the Office of General Counsel to make any necessary technical and conforming amendments.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Walther dissented.

Attest:

January 14, 2015
Date

Shelley E. Gato
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Deputy Secretary of the Commission